

[Please replace claim 3 with the following:]

3. (Amended). The filter as claimed in Claim 1, wherein the filter medium is a pleated paper filter member.

[Please replace claim 4 with the following:]

4. (Amended). The filter as claimed in Claim 1, wherein the second end of the filter member is bonded directly to the filter body.

[Please replace claim 5 with the following:]

5. (Amended). The filter as claimed in Claim 1, wherein the filter body further defines a second inlet port and a return port.

[Please replace claim 6 with the following:]

6. (Amended). The filter as claimed in Claim 5, further comprising a temperature sensitive valve operable to control whether fuel entering the filter body through the second inlet port is supplied to the dirty side of the filter medium or supplied to the return port for return to a fuel reservoir.

[Please replace claim 8 with the following:]

8. (Amended). The filter as claimed in Claim 7, wherein the ball valve comprises a valve member which is moveable under the influence of a bimetallic element.

[Please replace claim 9 with the following:]

9. (Amended). The filter as claimed in Claim 7, further comprising a non-return valve member resiliently biased into engagement with a seating to ensure that fuel is able to flow from the second inlet port to the return port, but to substantially prevent fuel and/or gas vapour flow in the reverse direction.

Please replace claim 10 with the following:

10. (Amended). The filter as claimed in Claim 9, wherein the non-return valve member comprises a plate formed from rubber or a rubber-like material.

[Please replace claim 11 with the following:]

11. (Amended). The filter as claimed in Claim 1, further comprising a downwardly depending tubular member which is secured to the filter body, the tubular member serving to force fuel flow in a downward direction prior to entering the tubular member, in use.

[Please replace claim 12 with the following:]

12. (Amended). The filter as claimed in Claim 11, wherein the tubular member is provided with one or more openings through which air is able to flow at a relatively low rate.

Please add new claim 13.

13. (New) The filter as claimed in Claim 3, wherein the second end of the filter member is bonded directly to the filter body.